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**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. The last (eight-month) transportation extension, H.R. 5183, passed the House by a vote of 409 to 8:

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2004/roll481.xml>

**Summary:** H.R. 2566 would extend for **one** additional month (through June 30, 2005) highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

**RSC NOTE:** Typically, funding levels are tied proportionally to the last appropriations bill – in this case, the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY2005 (part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 108-447). At press time, a final determination by either CBO or the House Budget Committee was unavailable on whether the bill's funding levels, if extended over the course of a full year, would fit within the FY06 budget resolution.

**Background:** On September 24, 2003, the House passed a temporary extension of surface transportation programs until February 29, 2004. The President signed the extension into law (P.L. 108-88) on September 30, 2003. Since then, five extensions have been signed into law. The most recent extension expires on May 31, 2005.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 2566 was referred to the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, the Budget Committee, the Resources Committee, the Science Committee, and the Ways & Means Committee on May 24, 2005. No committee officially considered the legislation.

**Administration Position:** The Administration supports a permanent reauthorization of TEA-21 at a funding level of \$284 billion over six years and has threatened to veto a more expensive bill [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/109-1/hr3sap-s.pdf>].

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO cost estimate for H.R. 2566 is not yet available.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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